# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



## **FISCAL NOTE**

## HB 1243 - SB 1375

March 12, 2015

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires any law enforcement officer who responds to an incident involving alleged domestic abuse between adults to determine whether a child who was present during the alleged abuse is a victim of abuse or neglect and report that fact to the Department of Children's Services (DCS).

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **NOT SIGNIFICANT**

## Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 37-1-403, law enforcement officers are required to report any brutality, abuse, or neglect of a child to DCS.
- Including children who are present during a domestic abuse incident and are determined to be victims of abuse or neglect to the list of reportable incidents will not significantly impact the number of current reports.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant and can be accommodated within existing state and local resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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